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For: MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEAD HAVING BENDING STIFFNESSES  
WHICH INCREASE IN THE DISTAL DIRECTION  
Serial No.: 10/781,589  
Filed: February 17, 2004

Attached please find the following documents:

- Amendment  
 Transmittal

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8. I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the  
paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (571) 273 8300, MAIL STOP AMENDMENT,  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on: October 20, 2005

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- Applicant requests a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time to respond to the \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for extension of time fee and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, for a TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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Application No.:	10/781,589	Examiner:	Mullen, Kristen Droesch
Filing Date:	17 February 2004	Atty Dkt:	P-7718.04
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the non-final Office Action mailed 27 July 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. This Response is submitted in advance of the expiration of said three-month period for reply.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.